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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS DELEGATION TO JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 4803

1. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE WITH MOFA AT THIS TIME SUBJECT OF MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS DELEGATION VISIT (LAST SENTENCE PARA 4 REFTEL). WE WILL TRY IN MEANTIME TO OBTAIN MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT DELEGATION'S INTENTIONS, ITINERARY AND TIMING.

2. DEPT HAS LEARNED THAT SOME OF PRINCIPAL CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FIGURES ACTIVE IN CLAIMS ISSUE (JOINT COMMISSION CHAIRMAN KUNIO NAKAMURA, EDGAR EDWARDS, KALEB UDUI
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AS WELL AS OTHERS) WILL BE IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL. THEY WILL BE HERE IN CONNECTION WITH US CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET HEARINGS FOR MICRONESIA WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE CLAIMS ISSUE.

3. EMBASSY TOKYO SHOULD PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO MOFA ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS. IF QUERIED, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT

OUT THAT SUCH VISITS BY MICRONESIAN LEADERS ARE COMMON (ESPECIALLY AT BUDGET TIME) AND THAT WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER MICRONESIAN LOBBYING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WAR CLAIMS

GROUPS.

4. WE WILL ATTEMPT BOTH HERE IN WASHINGTON AND AT THE NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND (SCHEDULED AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL IN HILO, HAWAII) TO DISSUADE THE MICRONESIANS FROM GOING TO TOKYO ON THE HEELS OF THEIR WASHINGTON VISIT. WE MAY SUCCEED IN GETTING THEM TO POSTPONE THEIR VISIT TO TOKYO FOR A TIME. HOWEVER, WE CAN EXPECT A REQUEST FROM THE MICRONESIANS TO ARRANGE SUCH A VISIT TO TAKE PLACE SOMETIME BEFORE SUMMER AND WE WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FACILITATE ANY EVENTUAL VISIT.

5. RE NAKAYAMA/HENRY, IN MARCH 24 MEETING WITH THESE TWO MICRONESIAN LEADERS, DEPTOFFS READ THEM ENTIRE TEXT OF GOJ DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON CLAIMS OF LAST FALL (77 STATE 240495) ADDING THAT GOJ WISHED THAT MICRONESIANS WOULD NOT COME TO TOKYO AT ALL. WE EMPHASIZED THAT GOJ INFORMED US IT HAD NO INTENTION OF CHANGING ITS POSITION ON CLAIMS MATTER. WE URGED THAT CONSIDERATION OF ANY VISIT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER MAY AND THAT ANY MISSION SHOULD ROUTE ITSELF FROM MICRONESIA TO TOKYO AND NOT RIGHT AFTER COMING TO WASHINGTON. NAKAYAMA/HENRY WERE NONCOMMITAL BUT INDICATED FULL CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERSTANDING OF GOJ POSITION AND JAPANESE DESIRES RE TIMING AND ROUTING. THEY SAID THAT, TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE THE WAR CLAIMS GROUPS HAD NOT SET FIRM DATES FOR A TOKYO TRIP. VANCE

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